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YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

It is our goal to provide an opportunity for children to play in an organized recreational Flag Football League. We teach the basic rules, strategies and skills involved in playing football. We also encourage good sportsmanship and fair play.

FORMING TEAMS

Division 1	Kindergarten and First Grade
Division 2	Second and Third Grades
Division 3	Fourth and Fifth Grades
Division 4	Sixth and Seventh Grades
Division 5	Eighth Grade

All participants are separated by grade level, then by school, or geographic location. **THERE ARE NO REQUESTS FOR COACHES**. If there are not enough players from your school, they are combined with a neighboring school that is also short of players. Once coaches receive their rosters, they will contact you. There are no longer brought in teams for Flag Football.

COACHES

Volunteer Head Coach positions are filled on a "first come, first served basis" and are limited to one per team. If you wish to volunteer, you must complete a Volunteer Coach's Application online at http://www.torranceca.gov/VolunteerProgram.htm. You will need to go to Human Resources, 3231 Torrance Blvd., and pick up a Volunteer Fingerprint Request Form that must be completed prior to the start of the season. City policy requires volunteers to be fingerprinted annually. Volunteer coaches will receive a refund of the activity fee upon return of their equipment at the end of the season.

All of the flag football coaches are volunteers taking their time to make this a good experience for everyone participating. Coaches should make their phone number and email available to you. They should keep you informed of practice times and locations, as well as game schedules. Practices will be held during the week. Coaches should remain at the designated practice area until all players are picked up. You **must** pick up your child in a timely manner. Consistent tardiness will not be tolerated.

OFFICIALS

Most of our officials are students who have played football or have a background in officiating. Our officials are to call the game to the best of their ability. Officials are in charge and should be professional. If you have questions, please see your coach; they will be able to approach the Senior Official after the game.

Officials are *not* to tolerate abusive language or behavior. Any person who is detrimental to the program will be asked to leave the facility.

AWARDS

Every participant registered in the program will receive an award at the end of the season.

REFUNDS

There will be **NO** full refunds given. 80% refunds will be considered **ONLY** if requested **PRIOR** to October 12, 2012.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Games are <u>tentatively</u> scheduled to begin, Saturday, October 13, 2012. All games will be held on Saturdays at Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Blvd. (corner of Crenshaw and Jefferson), with the exception of Division 5, which will play either Tuesday or Thursday evening at McMaster Park, 3624 Artesia Blvd. **Please note:** Game times and locations are subject to change.

Mandatory New Parent Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room inside the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd.

Again, the entire youth sports program is set up for a positive experience. Most information about our programs can be found by going to our website, http://www.torranceca.gov/Parks/9625.htm. If you have a concern or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Youth Sports office at (310) 781-7515.

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